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Romulus to join Wreaths Across America

Romulus Memorial Cemetery will be participating in Wreaths across America set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

The goal is install 400 memorial wreaths in the cemetery, located at 10101 Shook Road in Romulus. The annual wreath tribute is an effort of the Veterans Outreach Committee and donations and sponsorships for wreaths are still being accepted. A wreath for one veteran can be sponsored for $15 or sponsorships with a local fundraising group are available by visiting www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and choose the sponsor a wreath with a local fundraising group option. The search for Romulus VFW or MI0129P.

For more information, contact the Veterans Outreach Committee at (734) 955-8964.

The Wreaths Across America effort began in 1992 when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Maine found himself with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood experience at Arlington National Cemetery, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the headstones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their local cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Worcester for honoring the nation's heroes.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester began sending seven wreaths to every state, one for each branch of the military, and for POW/MIAs. In 2006, with the help of the Civil Air Patrol and other civic organizations, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies took place at more than 150 locations around the country.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same.

In 2008, more than 300 locations took part in wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. More than 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves and more than 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, Dec. 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across

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No Child Without A Christmas

Goodfellows holiday mission adapts to changing times

The Westland Goodfellows are among Goodfellows' organizations ensuring "No Child Without a Christmas."

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Barbara Cooper has been president of the Inkster Goodfellows for a year but her involvement has gone on for much longer and been far more involved. Her "No Child Without a Christmas" work with the group includes her husband, the Rev. Willie Cooper of Heavenly Harvest Ministries, her mother, and the couple's nieces and nephews.

The Goodfellows have a long, proud history of bringing toys to children at Christmas, along with food for local families in need. The Goodfellows in Inkster and elsewhere are seeking new volunteers.

"We're kind of limited. We are looking for other people to join, trying to get young people," Barbara Cooper said of the Inkster Goodfellows.

The Inkster Goodfellows get help from Inkster Police and Fire departments with distribution of their "No Child Without a Christmas," set for Friday, Dec. 7, this year. "With them coming out, that helps us get money," she noted of the police and fire department staff.

The deadline has passed for Inkster residents needing Goodfellows help, but volunteers are welcome to call Cooper at (313) 505-1140 or email her at cooper4975@yahoo.com. "Last year was 250. I'm looking at least at 300," she said of this year in Inkster, agreeing many children need toys and families need food.

The Coopers and their family agree that giving back, both at Christmas and year-round, is its own reward.

"Just helping the children. No Child Without a Christmas is the goal," Cooper said. "I like to see every child have a great Christmas"

She's also doing Coats for Kids with the Inkster Citizens Who Care. Cooper also is among those in the Inkster High School Viking Pride Alumni group, noting of the alumni, "We get new shoes for the kids."

Inkster residents also pitch in

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Shop and Dine campaign opens in Westland

The 9th Annual Shop and Dine campaign officially began in Westland last week.

The multifaceted marketing campaign promotes the city shopping district as a location that offers "Everything you want. Everything you need" for holiday shopping.

The Shop and Dine district is anchored by the Westland Shopping Center and is surrounded by 160 shops, restaurants and services making it the premier shopping and dining destination, a city spokesman noted.

Television commercials promoting the campaign also began this week.

Radio ads will also be hitting the metro area air waves, and the city will utilize billboards on major freeways. The campaign also encompasses a large digital and social presence, officials noted.

The campaign included promotion of Small Business Saturday, which took place last Saturday and is a counterpart to "Black Friday." Television and radio ads encouraged shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local. Statistics show that for every $100 spent locally, $49 stays within the community. That means that shopping dollars are helping small business owners pay local taxes which build parks, libraries and improve police and fire services, a city spokesman said. Also as part of the Shop and Dine Campaign, the city will once again be giving away a free shopping spree to one lucky winner at the Westland Shopping Center.

This year, Westland is partnering with the popular Jay Towers in the Morning to give away the $5,000 shopping spree. Towers, along with the WNIC promo team will be on site giving away additional prizes and doing a live broadcast from the event. Everyone present at the mall from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 15 will have a chance to win the grand prize

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Inkster - Westland

New building director is named in Westland

Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Keith Lussenden to serve as Westland Building Director.

Lussenden is joining the City of Westland administration with more than 40 years of experience in the construction industry. He was hired in March of 2018 to serve as Westland Building and Planning supervisor after previously serving as the chief commercial building inspector for the City of Royal Oak. He also worked in the planning and development department for the City of Ann Arbor for nearly a decade after serving in the department of building and safety for the City of Dearborn.

Lussenden is a State of Michigan Registered Code Official and Inspector in numerous categories, including Building Official, Inspector Building, Inspector Fire Protection System, Inspector Plumbing, Plan Reviewer Building, Plan Reviewer Fire Protection System and Plan Reviewer Plumbing.

"Mr. Lussenden has extensive building experience with various municipalities in Michigan," commented Wild. "We are fortunate to be able to welcome him to the administrative team and look forward to utilizing his skills and expertise to ensure compliance and public safety within our community."

"I am honored to have been selected by the mayor and unanimously confirmed by the city council to serve as Westland Building Director," commented Lussenden. "While any new position comes with new challenges, I look forward to working with the team to ensure the department is one that the residents and business owners in Westland can rely on and will be proud of."

Members of the Westland City Council also approved a six-month contract with Northville-based McKenna Associates for professional and technical planning advisory services during their meeting last week. The contract allows McKenna employee Greg Elliot, to serve as the city planning director until a new planning director is appointed.

Keith Lussenden

Elliot is an American Institute Certified Planner with more than 20 years of planning experience. He has worked as the principal planner for McKenna Associates since 2015 and has experience in zoning administration, public administration, special assessment districts, master planning, capital improvement planning, code enforcement, real property law and construction and housing code inspections.

Elliot possesses a Masters Degree of Public Administration from Eastern Michigan University and a Juris Doctor Degree from Michigan State University Law School. He is a member of the American Planning Association, the Michigan Association of Planning, the State Bar of Michigan and the Washtenaw County Bar Association.

"This contract with McKenna will allow us to conduct a thorough search for a city planner without any temporary decrease in the department functionality or loss of services to our residents," commented Wild.

"I look forward to providing my services to the City of Westland as they conduct their search for a new director of planning," commented Elliot. "McKenna values our special relationship it has established with Westland and the entire team is available to assist with this transition."

Special patrol

Throughout the afternoon Nov. 20, Inkster police officers delivered Thanksgiving turkeys to several families throughout the city. "This is what policing is all about, we certainly have a duty to protect but there is much more to our job than just arresting the bad guys. We care about the people in our city and we will continue to work hard at making sure our community knows we are there for them," commented Inkster Chief of Police William Riley.

Shop

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and there will be additional prizes given away, including the runner up prize of a $1,000 spree at JCPenney.

"We are proud of Westland Shopping Center and the entire Shop and Dine District," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Our city has so much to offer, with over 100 retail stores, including all the big box stores like Ashley`s Furniture, Art Van and Best Buy along with over 60 restaurants including Anna`s House - with the best brunch around. Westland makes it easy to shop this holiday season with easy access from all major freeways and safe convenient parking throughout the city. We really do have everything you want and everything you need," Wild said.

Goodfellows

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on the Goodfellows special edition newspaper day, which takes place on local streets.

The Westland Goodfellows have adapted to a city ordinance there banning street sales in that city, noted Heather Hatfield-Clear, co-president. Safety concerns have changed fundraising methods in Westland and other communities, too.

"I will soon be leaving that role and new leadership will be stepping in. I grew up in Westland and have had a desire to give back locally for the success that I have had in my life. Christmas is a special time of year and it should always be made nice even if a family is struggling financially."

The Westland Goodfellows send out a donation request letter to former donors asking them to continue their support of Westland families. Hatfield-Clear noted, "We had been sending all residents in Westland this mailer, but due to extreme costs of the mailer itself, we limited the mailer to former donors this season. We do accept donations of money by our website using Paypal, www.westlandgoodfellows.org, or by mailing them to our office at 32150 Dorsey St., Westland MI 48186. We have done poker events as a fundraiser in the past too as a replacement to paper sales - which are just too risky for volunteers to do in the street anymore."

She added, "Our adopt a family program is continuing to grow too. This is where a local business, church or family 'adopts' some of our children who need help at Christmas. This season, 164 have been adopted, about 25 percent of the children we will serve this year. Once our recipient list is formalized and before we actually hand out Christmas, we coordinate our lists with the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, St. Mary's in Wayne and St. Vincent de Paul inside of Sts. Simon and Jude Church. Unfortunately, we do find a few families on more than one of our lists. But between us all, we only service the family one time."

Hatfield-Clear is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School now living in Willis, southwest of Belleville. She has a business in Wayne. It's her 10th year as a Goodfellows volunteer.

"Our 2018 Christmas season will see close to 300 families we expect. Donations are welcome and are truly needed as we do not expect to fundraise enough this season to cover this year's expenses. I have always believed in helping your own neighborhood/community and this is an excellent time of the year to do so," added Hatfield-Clear.

Goodfellows assistance, in the form of toys and food, is administered in varied ways, though school districts in some communities. Collection boxes for donated toys and food are often seen this time of year.

Other Western Wayne County communities have Goodfellows volunteer groups working toward "No Child Without a Christmas." Websites for these include: Plymouth Goodfellows, www.plymouthgoodfellows.org; Canton Goodfellows, www.cantongoodfellows.org; City of Wayne Goodfellows, www.waynegoodfellows.org and Romulus Goodfellows, with a link on www.romulusgov.com, the city website.

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Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer

CANTON - ROMULUS

'Tis the season
Official tree lighting is set

Visitors enjoyed the Canton Annual Tree Lighting last year in and around the Summit on the Park.

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration in Canton Township will take place beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The free festivities will continue until about 8:30 p.m., as Santa and his reindeer make a special stop in Canton. Visitors can enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival, and countdown to the official lighting of the tree, which will take place outside the Summit Banquet Center entrance. Additional outside activities include up-close and personal visits with live reindeer, as well as ice sculpting demonstrations. Visitors are encouraged to dress warmly and bring the family to this fun, festive event which will take place outside.

Indoor activities for children include: free henna, seasonal crafts areas, and pictures with Santa. Light refreshments will also be provided inside by Busch's Fresh Food Market. Additional indoor activities include 'Holidays Around the World,' where children can learn about special traditions and festivities celebrated in a variety of different countries. Live entertainment will be on hand to perform holiday tunes, including Dodson Elementary School Choir. In addition, children's entertainer Guy Louis will be performing interactive multicultural holiday songs, thanks to the generous support of the Michigan Humanities Council.

Alexis Lubecki, Miss Michigan Teen USA 2019 and Canton resident, will also be making a special appearance during the event.

This year, the event is sponsored, in part, by American 1 Credit Union; Atchinson Ford; Busch's Fresh Food Market; Canton Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea; Central City Dance; Community Financial; Glen Abbey; The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development; TIAA Bank and Today's Ortho.

For more information about this free event, or other upcoming holiday events at the Summit on the Park, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Lions member and Canton Township Trustee John Anthony, left, Lions member Darian Moore, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Librarians Amy Lee and Korinna Kasara and Lions Club Treasurer John Spencer celebrate the recent donation of CD players to the library.

Lions donate CD players

Members of the Canton Lions Club presented three top loading portable CD players to the Canton Library last month.

Canton Librarian Korinna Kasara explained that there are times when the visually impaired need more than a low-vision reader. The CD player will enable the visually impaired to listen to their favorite audio book or explore new audio material recently produced.

The Canton Lions were pleased to assist the library in their efforts to recognize the needs of the visually impaired and to make the Canton Library available to those who face visual challenges, a spokesman commented. Currently, the library offers multiple items for the visually impaired. Kasara noted that a reader for the visually impaired can be borrowed from the library for months at a time. She explained that the readers are simple to use and are small and easy to handle.

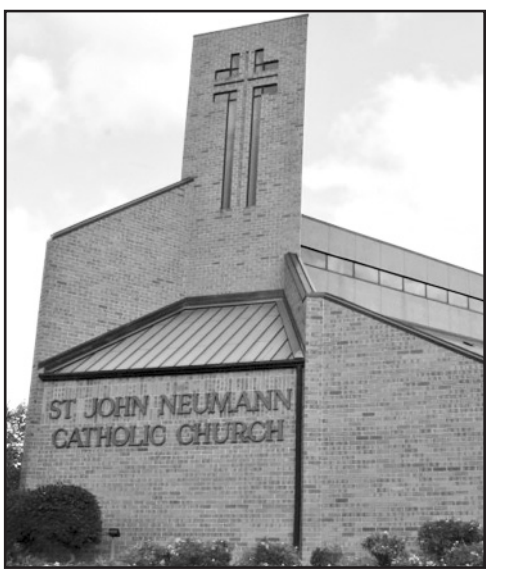
The Canton Library is located at1200 South Canton Road.

In addition to the devices and publications for the visually impaired, the library offers a used book store called Second Hand Prose.

Many of the books are donated and can be purchased for as little as 50 cents, although there are some higher priced items.

The Canton Lions are a diverse group whose goal is to help those less fortunate, according to the mission statement of the group. The club members meet at Rose's Restaurant on the fourth Monday of the month. For additional information about the Lions Club, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle govbill1@outlook.com.

Local church wins 'blood drive'



St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton Township has been named the 2018 national Community of Giving blood drive champion.

The Community of Giving program provides a unique opportunity for faith-based groups to serve those in need by hosting blood drives for the American Red Cross. The St. John Neumann church topped the nationwide leader board collecting 143 pints of blood during a Community of Giving blood drive July 29. As a result, the church will receive one automated external defibrillator (AED) and Red Cross first aid, CPR and AED online training for 10 individuals.

"This dedicated group has truly made a difference for patients relying on lifesaving blood over this past summer, a time when donations often decline," said Todd Kulman, external communications manager of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "The Red Cross is grateful for all those who donated to help save lives and make this the top Community of Giving blood drive across the U.S."

"I encourage others to consider organizing blood drives," said Ginny Springer, coordinator of the St. John Neumann blood drive. "By providing the opportunity for donors, you can make the day of complete strangers who will be forever grateful for your efforts."

To donate blood, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

Wreaths

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America Day".

In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites if the Sept. 11 tragedies. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 fundraising groups, corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The organization's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths.

The wreath-laying continues annually and local cemeteries where veterans are laid to rest, like the one in Romulus continue to participate in the annual tribute on the second or third Saturday of December.

Special remembrance

Members of the Romulus City Council voted unanimously during a meeting earlier this month to adopt a formal city resolution recognizing what would have been the 50th wedding anniversary of the late Rev. Terry Edwards and his wife, Minnie Edwards. Minnie Edwards was present at the meeting and council members and officials congratulated her and remembered her husband's service to the community.

Photo by David Willett

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of November 19, 2018, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2019:

01/07/19, 02/04/19, 03/04/19, 04/01/19, 05/06/19, 06/03/19, 07/01/19, 08/05/19, *09/09/19, 10/07/19, 11/04/19 and 12/02/19.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Greg Greene - Chairman
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE
2018 WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2018 and payable through February 14, 2019 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. Make checks payable to: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Payments may be made via mail, online, or at the Township Hall during regular working hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. Township offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hour white drop box located along the circular drive at Township Hall.

Mark Clinton
Treasurer
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 N Haggerty Road
Plymouth MI 48170

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year of 2019 during their regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Town Hall Meeting Room, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office week days from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. This budget may be adopted after the public hearing.

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing".

Jerry Vorva
Plymouth Township Clerk

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Belleville - Northville

Suspect arrested in attempted break-in

Northville Police have arrested a 50-year-old Plymouth Township man in connection with an attempted break-in at a Marathon Gas Station early Saturday morning.

According to police reports, the attempted break in took place at about 2 a.m. at the Marathon Gas Station located at 39950 Five Mile Road in Northville Township. The alarm company notified the business owner who drove to the scene to discover the attempted break in. Video surveillance revealed that two men attempted to break out the glass of the entry doors of the gas station with a hammer.

Township police notified area police agencies with a description of the pair and shortly thereafter a City of Northville police officer on patrol observed a vehicle matching the description of the one used in the break-in. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, a short pursuit took place and the two suspects fled the vehicle on foot.

The Plymouth man was discovered hiding inside a shed behind a home on Orchard Street in the City of Northville and immediately arrested. The second suspect, an African American male, wearing dark clothing is still at large, according to police.

Investigators determined that the vehicle in which the suspects had been riding had been stolen from an apartment complex in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty roads. The vehicle was returned to the owner, a resident of Northville Forest Apartments, by police.

The man arrested was recently paroled from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), according to police reports. He was remanded to MDOC officers on Monday.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

Santa's Soup Search planned during annual Winterfest

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Santa's Soup Search contest

During Winterfest this year. The event, organizers said, is much like a chili cook-off and anyone who has a favorite soup that they make can compete in the contest. There will be a panel of five judges who will taste all the soups and award a first, second and third-prize plaque that can be displayed on a wall or in a trophy case. There will also be a People's Choice Award chosen by the public.

From 2-6 p.m. Dec. 1 Winterfest visitors will be able to taste 25 soups entered into the contest for $1 each.

No more than 25 contestants will be allowed in the contest and each entrant must proved at least 5 quarts of soup, serving utensils and someone to serve the soup for the duration of the contest. The judges will each test a small cup provided by the chamber of all the soups and then tickets will be sold for $1 each to the public which they can use to buy soup from the contestants.

The chamber will provide the small taste cups and the contestants will be responsible for a larger bowl for the public to use if they opt to purchase a full bowl. The prices of a full bowl can be determined by the individual contestants. As an example, if the taste bowl can be bought for one ticket, a full bowl might be priced at three tickets. The contestant will receive, at the end of the contest, half of the amount they sell.

The judging will be confidential and no one will know the identity of the cook and scorecards for the judges will be based on six characteristics including texture; flavor; consistency; spice and taste; aroma and color. The decision of the judges will be final.

There will also be a Peoples' Choice ballot box for visitors to score the soup at each stations. Score cards will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied.

There is no entry fee.

The soup must be brought to the site ready-to-eat and cooked in contestants' kitchens. No kitchen will be available at the event, organizers stressed. Contestants will be responsible for supplying all of their utensils and products relating to their soup submission and maintenance of the proper temperature for serving.

For more information, call Paul Henning at (734) 697-7151 or Jeff Vernon at (419)479-8156.

Northville schools names early childhood coordinator

Recognized for her talent and leadership skills, Chelsea Simons has been named Early Childhood Program Coordinator for Northville Public Schools. The Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Simons' appointment during a recent meeting. Simons succeeds Eileen Freeman who will retire at the end of December after 18 years with Northville Public Schools.

As Early Childhood Program Coordinator, Simons will oversee the nationally accredited Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs in the district, which provide many options for area families looking for childcare and early education for their children. Serving more than 1,100 students, programs include Kids' Club offering before and after school care for elementary school families; as well as Half-Day, Pre-K PLUS, School-Day, Full-Day and Parent/Child classes.

Simons comes to Northville Public Schools from Starfish Family Services, headquartered in Inkster, where she served for three-and-a-half years as Head Start Site Leader and Disability Specialist, providing leadership and daily supervision of a federally-funded preschool program as well as serving as an advocate and liaison for children with disabilities and their families. In this dual role, her responsibilities included supervising staff; facilitating training for teachers, parents and staff; creating collaborations within the community; new program implementation and completion of administrative duties including federal, state and agency reporting. Previously, Simons was a teacher for Starfish Family Services.

"Chelsea Simons has been recognized for her talent and leadership, being promoted within the Starfish organization," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "She has a passion for early childhood education and believes strongly in the value of making meaningful connections pre-K through graduation. We look forward to Chelsea joining our leadership team."

"I'm excited by this opportunity to work alongside the exceptional teachers, staff and families that are part of the Northville Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program as we build a foundation of success for our youngest learners as they move to kindergarten and beyond," Simons said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work for Northville Public Schools and I am looking forward to starting in December."

Chelsea Simons

Simons earned her bachelor of applied arts in Early Childhood Development and Learning, Youth Studies, from Central Michigan University.

Santa plans weekend visits to Northville Maybury Farm

Maybury Farm will be offering free visits with Santa and a Holiday Open House in December.

Santa will be on hand at the farm from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9 and again at the same times on Dec. 15 and 16.

The free admission includes visits to the farm grounds and barns to see the animals, all with their winter coats getting ready for the cold months ahead.

The General Store at the farm will be open and stocked with gifts and treats including warm cocoa and cider. There will also be a bonfire, activities for children and a family photo booth.

Due to the popularity of this event, reservations for families wanting to visit with Santa are requested. Reservations are available by calling (248) 704-9211. Those who register will receive a confirmation email upon registering and a reminder email two days before your visit.

Santa's sleigh will be parked in the century-old barn. Enter the farm through the General Store, then walk out to the barn for a visit and pictures. No professional photos are taken; visitors are welcome to use personal cameras. Visitors should dress warmly and it is cold on the farm and the barn is not fully heated.

There is no admission charge for this event but donations are appreciated to help with educational work at Maybury Farm.

More information is available at (248) 704-9211.

Belleville Community Chorus presents 'Sounds of Winter'

The Belleville Community Chorus members will present their 13th annual holiday concert titled "Sounds of Winter" beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

Under the leadership of director Rachel Parr, accompanied by Judith Weed and a variety of other instrumentalists, the concert will feature songs of the season. Sounds of Winter will also include numbers by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus. The concert is free, though donations supporting the chorus are welcome.

Those interested in knowing more about or being part of the Belleville Community Chorus should Paula Pence-Poston at (734) 725-1425 or mspaula35@hotmail.com.

> *The generosity of donors and sponsors supports the community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment.*

The Belleville Community Chorus (BCC) offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus strives to improve musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule. The generosity of donors and sponsors supports the community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment. The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

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Wayne - Plymouth

Fatal shooting investigated

Michigan State Police are continuing the investigation into a fatal shooting Monday outside the Hype Athletic facility on Howe Road in Wayne.

An unidentified man in a vehicle was shot by a person on foot in the parking lot of the facility at about 5:10 p.m. according to witnesses at the facility while Michigan State Police reported the time of the incident as 5:45 p.m.

Ali Sayed, the founder and CEO of the facility, which also has a recreation center in Dearborn Heights, said that video surveillance cameras showed that a person on foot was approached by a person in a vehicle in the parking lot. An apparent conversation took place and the person on foot shot the person in the vehicle, according to Sayed. The wounded man drove to the building entrance and ran inside, pleading for help, and managers in the facility attempted to help the victim and called police. According to Michigan State Police, the Wayne Police Department requested assistance in the incident.

The injured man was transported to Beaumont Hospital Wayne where he was pronounced dead, according to police reports.

Police had not released the victim's name or any further information at press time. No suspects had been identified or arrested, according to Michigan State Police, who added that the investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Hype Athletics issued a formal statement noting the facility has been open in Wayne since 2015 and claimed that since that time "crime, violence and negative activity dropped considerably." The statement also states, "to our knowledge the victim was not a member nor has ever been to our center."

Making it official

The City of Wayne officially welcomed three new police officers to the force during the Nov. 20 meeting. New officers Keith A. Williams, at left, Michael J. Bolton and Jonathan R. Marcyan, at right, took their oaths of office witnessed by Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag, second from right. The official swearing-in of the newly-elected city officials also took place during the meeting when Mayor John P. Rhaesa was sworn in by Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, a former long-time Wayne mayor; Councilman Anthony W. Miller was sworn in by Judge Laura R. Mack; Councilwoman Kelly S. Skill and Councilman Phillip A. Wagner were each worn into office by city activist Robert Boertje.

Westborn market is honored

The former Plymouth Post Office still delivers, only now it is a wide range of produce, specialty foods and groceries.

The former post office, originally built in 1935, is now Westborn Market after undergoing a $5 million renovation. The building was recently chosen as the best economic development project of more than $1 million by the Michigan Downtown Association and earlier the building was honored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for the best preservation of a historic building.

Westborn owner Mark Anusbigian said the remodeling retained the exterior of the building and the original terrazzo floors, mailboxes and a mural painted during the NewDeal U.S. Works Progress Administration era.

Westborn Market was nominated for the award by the Plymouth Downtown Development Association.

The post office and an adjacent vacant lot were purchased by Mark and Patty Malcolm in 2014 for $1.5 million, following the relocation of the post office.

'In a Winter Garden' tomorrow

The Michigan Philharmonic, the Madonna University Chorale, Counselors Chorale, and Main Street Opera Theatre Chorus will perform Libby Larsen's In a Winter Garden. This concert brings together orchestra, chorus and soloists sharing a musical reflection on Advent and all its various moods and themes. Adding to this reflective concert are Pie Jesu by Lili Boulanger, A Vaughan Williams Christmas and Fantasia on Greensleeves by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Christmas Concerto by Arcangelo Corelli.

The performance will take place at 8 p.m. Friday Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

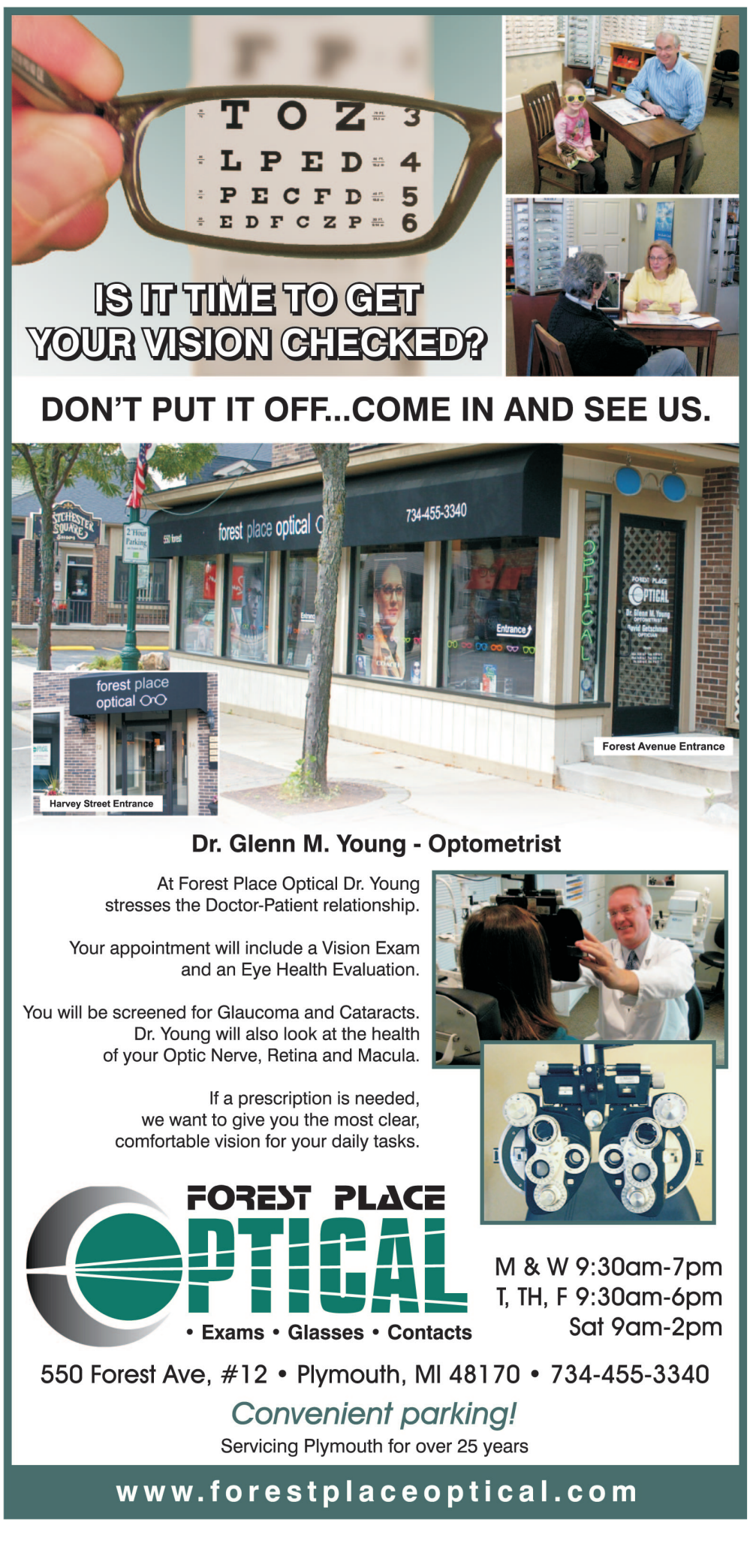
There is a pre-concert talk set for 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available on-line at http://www.michiganphil.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Wayne County Lightfest open

The 25th annual Wayne County Lightfest exhibit on Hines Drive will be open through Dec. 31.

The 5-mile long exhibit is the longest drive-through holiday light display in the Midwest. For a small donation, motorists can enjoy the spectacular light displays. that are sure to get you into the holiday spirit. For specific hours and details, call (734) 261-1990.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Calendar of events

Brunch with Santa deadline today

Parents have only through today, Nov. 29, to register for the Brunch with Santa event set for 10:30 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Romulus Senior Center.

The $10 per child fee includes brunch, story time, a photo with Santa and a special holiday craft. Adult tickets are $4 and include brunch only. There will also be a Santa's Secret Shop with gifts priced at $5 and less for children only.

Registration is available at Mayor LeRoy Burcroff's office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Santa mailbox at Summit

Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with the U.S. Post Office to deliver children's wish lists to Santa.

To mail a letter to Santa, drop it in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby through Nov. 30. Santa asks that children print their name and address clearly so he may reply to your letter.

Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage.

Canton residents only please.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Library to host Santa

Santa will visit the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.

Children can visit with Santa or bring a hand-written wish list to give to him.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For information, call (734) 699-3291.

Help for seniors available

CUP the Community Up Project will provide services for the elderly and disabled residents of Inkster at no cost.

Available services include snow removal, trash removal, lawn care, minor repairs, errands, building and repair of handicap accessories.

For more information, contact Queen Paris Jones, (313) 778-0931.

Bowling fundraiser planned

A Bowling Fundraiser for pediatric Cancer Research is planned for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at Romulus Lanes, 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus

There is a $20 donation requested with presale tickets available. There will also be tickets available at the door. Registration will begin at 3:30 and bowling will start at 4 p.m. Also planned are gift basket raffles and pizza will be provided to bowlers.

This is a Romulus High School National Honor Society sponsored event.

Nifty Fifties exhibit open

Christmas has come to the Plymouth Historical Museum with the popular "Nifty Fifties" exhibit. The exhibit highlights that age of hula-hoops, rock-n-roll and drive-in movies and has now added a "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" flavor for visitors to enjoy and appreciate.

There are decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, Christmas lights and other holiday touches interspersed with the artifacts of long ago.

The exhibit will be open until Dec. 30. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The museum is located at 155 South Main St., Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 x0.

Award nominees sought

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Business of the Year Award to be presented at the annual banquet Jan. 12.

Nominees for this award will exemplify the best in what people expect from a small town business, as well as placing an emphasis on customer service, quality product and beautification of their building and/or goods.

The award committee members will consider the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area non-profits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

Businesses can be nominated with a short paragraph including the business and owner's name and the reason for the nomination and submitted to the Belleville Are Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St, Belleville, MI 48111.

For more information, call (734) 697-7151.

Chamber hosts Holiday Luncheon

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce will host the 2018 Holiday Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Wayne Tree Manor.

Auction items and sponsorships are still needed for the event.

Admission is $30 for chamber members and $35 for non members, with discount prices available for tables of eight.

Registrations and information are available at the chamber office (734) 658-5296 or Director@WayneChamber.org.

Wayne Tree Manor is located at 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Dixieland Band to perform

The West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment playing Dixieland/Bluegrass Music on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Burger Night at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

There will be a limited menu available from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The group comprises five veteran musicians - Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass and Bob Ervin, rhythm guitar and vocals.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Santa visits museum

The Belleville Central Business Community is sponsoring Photos With Santa from noon until 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 at the Belleville Area Museum.

The photos will be in conjunction with the Festival of Holiday Trees exhibit under way at the museum, located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

Potters guild plans sale

Members of the Cherry Hill Potters Guild are planning a pottery sale for 2 until 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

The sale will feature original handmade pottery from 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth. The sale will take place at the Canton Human Services Building at 50430 School House Road in Cherry Hill Village, Canton. Items include a large variety of pieces like mugs, bowls, decorative items and sculpture. For more information visit www.cherryhillpotters.org

The Cherry Hill Potters Guild is a diverse community of clay artists who will operate in the Village Arts Factory, a regional arts center being developed in Cherry Hill Village which will offer art education programs and studio space for artists.

Spirit of the season

Holiday tree lighting planned

Belleville

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Winterfest parade will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Belleville High School and travel to the downtown museum.

Following the parade, the annual city Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the front lawn of the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 697-1944.

Canton

The Canton Township official holiday tree lighting will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The 'official' tree, will be lit by the Summit on the Park at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors. There will be seasonal entertainment, kids' crafts, activities, refreshments, and visits with Santa!

In the spirit of the season, Canton Leisure Services is offering the event free of charge to residents. For additional information, call (734) 394-5460. *(See page 3.)*

Plymouth

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will present Christmas in Plymouth from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 throughout the downtown area.

There will be holiday shopping sales, horse and carriage tours, live music and dance, live reindeer and elves, ice carving, bonfire stations, a mistletoe market and a community sing at 8:30 p.m.

Carriage tour tickets are presale only and will be available Nov. 30 at Sun and Snow, (734)927-0007, ext. 3.

Romulus

The official Romulus Christmas Tree Lighting will take place with activities beginning at 6 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 30, at the Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Concessions and vendors will be open beginning at 6 p.m. offering food, hot cocoa and other snacks. The official tree lighting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Photos with Santa will be available for $6 each.

Guests are asked to bring nonperishable food donations for the Stuff the Bus campaign to help Romulus Helping Hand during the holiday season.

Wayne

The City of Wayne will light up the official Christmas tree in a ceremony set for 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square.

The event is free and there will be multiple holiday and food vendors on hand along with several planned activities.

Westland

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Westland will begin with the lighting of the holiday tree at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at city hall.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will officially light the Westland tree and enjoy some cocoa and cookies as they meet with all the children and families in attendance.

There will be events and activities for the whole family at the celebration.

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